Cancer crusade contributions lag

With a fair share goal set for Appomattox County of $6,900 for the local unit, American Cancer Society for the 1980 fund drive, as of Thursday of last week only $4,908.71 had been donated.

In order to reach the goal for this year, we need to have $1,993.29 in additional contributions.

It is the sincere desire of the American Cancer Society to conquer cancer in YOUR lifetime -- however without funds needed for research and other phases of the ACS work this will be impossible.

If you have not been contacted for a contribution and would like to make a donation, please send in your check to Mrs. Mary Alma Hudson, Treasurer ACS, Appomattox, VA 24522; or to Mrs. Beck Hudson or Mrs. Marge Mims, Crusade co-chairmen.

Appomattox has never failed to reach its fair share goal in years past and with your help the goal will be reached again this year.

Stanley Roper

Roper promoted

Stanley G. Roper has been promoted to graphics specialist at Texasgulf's Phosphate Operations. The announcement was made by Roy A. Hutchins, superintendent of the technical services department.

A native of Liberty, South Carolina, Roper was reared in Brevard, North Carolina, and attended Brevard College. In 1965 he graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

Prior to joining Texasgulf as a sample preparation technician in 1968, Roper was with the Olin Corporation at Pisgah Forest, North Carolina. He was later promoted to geology technician, the position held until this promotion.

The son of Remus G. Roper and the late Mrs. Roper, formerly of Brevard, he is married to the former Barbara Gaines, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Gaines of Appomattox, Virginia. The Ropers have a son, age six, and two daughters, ages three and one. They live in Grantsboro.

Meal to benefit pageant

A chicken and chitterlings dinner will be held Saturday, May 10 at the Megginson School from noon until 6 p.m.

Proceeds from the dinner will go to benefit the upcoming "Miss Bronze" pageant.

Menu will consist of either fried chicken or chitterlings and potato salad, string beans and bread. Chicken dinner is $3.50, chitterling dinner is $4.

Sodas will be sold as well, and tickets to the upcoming pageant will be available.

Ruritans visit paper

Thursday May 1 the Oakville Ruritans met at the Times-Virginian for a guided tour and explanation by Bill Sherrod, editor, explaining the procedures of getting together and printing of a newspaper.

Afterwards Bill was a guest of the Ruritans for the regular Monthly Dinner meeting in Oakville.

Elmer Hampton, Chairman of the Ruritan Auction reported that this year the auction will be greater and larger than ever with local businesses donating items and also services by means of certificates which will be auctioned on June 28 at 10:30 at the Oakville School.

The Ruritans are actively participating in the Anti-Litter Virginia Campaign.

PICTURED HERE ARE (front row) Melinda Davis, Gina George, Jayne Doss (back row) Beverly Coleman, Judy Zimmerman, Crystal Carter, John Jimison, and Phillip Jacobs.

Latin students present teaching program

Eight advanced Latin students helped teach the second-grade classes of Mrs. Cyrus and Mrs. Coleman on April 21.

Highlights of the program included Beverly Coleman, talking about and showing her Roman dress, Philip Jacobs showing ancient buildings of Rome and Greece, Judy Zimmerman giving Latin names of animals, and John Jimison telling about Roman gods and goddesses.

For entertainment, the students prevented their play, Tres Porci, and sang Latin songs. The students later received several thank-you notes from the two classes.

Carter extends FHA EE

President Carter has signed legislation extending the Farmers Home Administration Emergency program until September 30, 1981. The program was due to expire on May 15 this year.

E. A. Ragland, Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) State Director said, "President Carter's action will enable us to continue the Economic Emergency (EE) program, not only through the remainder of this year but through the next fiscal year as well. Although the EE program was not due to end until May 15, we were just about out of funds when the President signed the bill on March 30."

The EE program provides direct or guaranteed loans to farmers and ranchers who suffer economic hardship because of area or national economic conditions beyond their control. FmHA provided $35,731,420 in Economic Emergency assistance to Virginia farmers last year.

Ragland said the new law immediately increases the ceiling on outstanding principal for EE loans nationwide from $4 billion to $6 billion. FmHA has already obligated the $4 billion authorized under the Agriculture Credit Act of 1978. The additional $2 billion will be allocated to the states, about half of it for use this year.

The new law requires that stronger "credit elsewhere" criteria be enforced before an EE loan can be approved. Any application for an insured loan of $300,000 or more must be accompanied by letters from at least two private lenders explaining why they turned down the request for a loan. FmHA expects to issue the strengthened regulations within 30 to 60 days.

The new law also requires the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a comprehensive study of the EE loan program and to recommend to Congress by March 31, 1981, whether or not the program should be extended beyond the September 30, 1981, expiration date.

Central Va. Commission on Aging to hold public hearing May 12

The Central Virginia Commission on Aging will hold a public hearing on the proposed three-year, Central Virginia Area Plan for Aging Services on Monday, May 12, 1980.

The hearing will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Euclid Christian Church across from E. C. Glass High School on Memorial Avenue in Lynchburg.

Central Virginia includes the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell including the cities of Lynchburg and Bedford.

The hearing will allow the public the opportunity to make comments or ask questions about the proposed activities of the Commission on Aging for the period of October 1, 1960 to September 30, 1983. This is the first time service plans need to be formulated for more than one year.

All individuals and organizations concerned with the role of older adults in the community should plan to attend.

Copies of the proposed area plan and/or more information may be obtained from:

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